ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF HOOKSETT,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1879.

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1879.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ORDERS PAID BY TREASURER.

Paid State tax	$1,784 00
County tax	2,232 98
School house tax in District No. 1	125 00
" " " 5	20 00
" " " 6	10 00
	$4,171 98
Paid School money in District No. 1	$279 53
" " 2	308 31
" " 3	120 00
" " 4	711 46
" " 5	129 88
" " 6	125 49
" " 7	70 28
For State Maps	40 00
	$1,784 95

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid John S. Cole, selectman	$130 87
Alfred T. Martin, "	69 65
Benj. A. Ham, "	71 75
J. W. Converse, town clerk	30 00

H. B. Otterson, treasurer	$20 00
S. G. Kellogg, school committee	50 00
R. B. Foss, collector	133 75
Orin J. Prescott, auditor	5 00
H. H. Gile, collector of 1876 and 1877	21 76
	$532 78

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid abatement on tax list, 1876	$11 06
" " 1877	28 77
" " 1878	70 54
	$110 37

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid non-resident tax in labor	$152 65
Samuel Brown, labor on road	12 45
Geo. C. Johnson "	30 00
Simeon Batchelder, "	18 28
Albert F. Davis, "	17 15
Robt. B. Neal, "	5 87
Albe Morrill	5 34
Amos I. Pollard	33 50
Edwin Rowe, labor on road	1 00
W. S. Wiggin, "	5 85
Geo. A. Tufts, "	3 72
Charles Colby, "	42 65
Frank P. Poor, "	3 75
William Hardy, "	8 39
Geo. A. Harriman, "	3 75
Moses Collins, "	9 06
William W. Wier, "	5 50

Willis G. Averill, "	.....	$8 00
James M. Garland, "	.....	8 20
Mayhew Clark, "	.....	20 30
Moses R. Burbank, "	.....	12 21
Wm. H. Otterson, "	.....	6 50
Robt. B. Neal, "	.....	4 19
Geo. C. Johnson, "	in 1877.....	2 00
Dutton Woods, repairing town bridge and furnishing all material	.....	1,000 00
Geo. H. Tufts, labor on road	.....	12 93
		$1,433 24

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid W. B. Jones, house rent for Mrs. Eben Clark	$21 30
S. D. McAfee & Co., wood and groceries furnished James Mulligan...	20 00
Aphia Kimball, boarding Joseph Ordway.....	138 00
" clothing furnished.....	15 67
F. C. Towle, goods delivered Mrs. Joel Page...	10 00
E. E. Goodale, expense in burial of Daniel George	19 40
Geo. A. Harriman, police.....	13 00
Robert B. Neal, watering place for 1877.....	3 00
Frank P. Poor, " for 1877, '78	6 00
" damage done sheep.....	16 00
H. B. Otterson, settling State and County tax...	3 00
Alfred T. Martin, feeding tramps.....	6 20
John Y. Mugridge, legal services rendered town for 1877 and 1878.....	121 00
John W. Prescott, wood delivered Mrs. E. Clark	4 50
Mass. Char. Eye and Ear Infirmary for boarding Eleazer Rose.....	87 00

John S. Cole, time and money spent on account of paupers and liquor cases	$10 75
John S. Cole, books and stationery	12 04
Charles P. Morse, coffins furnished paupers	24 00
F. C. Towle, goods delivered Mrs. E. Clark	1 00
" coffin furnished James Mulligan's child	5 00
" cask cement for drain pipe	2 25
J. S. Cole, coffin and expenses in burying O. Martin	11 00
Benj. A. Ham, paid bounties on foxes and hawks	7 60
Phineas H. Fuller, for removing horse from highway and burying the same	2 00
F. C. Towle, goods delivered James Mulligan	27 00
" oil, chimneys and wicks for town hall	98
S. D. McAfee & Co., wood and goods delivered James Mulligan	20 00
Commissioners of Rockingham and Merrimack counties on account of road hearing	117 50
S. D. McAfee & Co., goods delivered Mrs. E. Clark	39 10
O. N. Goodale, lumber and labor on police station	1 25
Morrill & Danforth, insurance on town bridge and police station	63 50
Orin J. Prescott, auditing accounts for 1877	5 00
D. H. Young, drain pipe and cement	125 60
F. C. Abbott stone for culvert	8 00
Norris C. Gault, services as police for 1875, '76 '77	24 00
Harrison Rowe, plank for bridge	7 83
Morrill & Danforth, insurance on town bridge	19 50
R. B. Neal, watering place	3 00
James I. Jardine, taking care of, lighting and furnishing bridge	50 00
A. J. Butterfield, watering place	3 00

A. W. Prescott, for damage received by sand washed from highway	$3 50
Horace Bonney, boarding John Y. Mugridge during road hearing	4 00
E. T. Head, police services in 1875 and 1876	20 00
Thomas H. Tuson, printing town reports	25 00
Henry C. Vining, damages received on highway	57 50
W. S. Head, committing prisoners to jail in 1876	9 50
Albert Martin, digging grave for O. Martin	1 50
J. R. Kimball, professional services rendered Gertie Hughes in 1877	23 00
A. J. Allen, witness in Goodnough case	3 58
J. A. Brown, damage done carriage on highway	25 00
E. P. Williams, damage done horse on highway	15 00
Mayhew Clark, watering place	3 00
Gilman Martin, damage done cellar by water from highway	10 00
Jesse Cate, damage in crossing land	5 00
R. A. Lantry, cash paid witnesses and services in Bosha case	5 00
R. A. Lantry, freight on drain pipe	10 55
Abram Mitchell, watering place	3 00
E. Pronk, taking care town hall, furnishing wood,&c	15 50
David A. Colby, wood delivered Mrs. E. Clark	19 50
Geo. C. Kimball, damage in crossing land 1877,'78	5 00
Albert F. Davis, damage by sand washed from highway in 1877	5 00
Josiah W. Prescott, damage done sheep in 1877	3 00
Joseph T. Morey, wood delivered Mrs. E. Clark	6 00
Geo. A. Robie, repairing lobby and hearse, and taking affidavit	4 00
Peter Lafayette, boarding Mrs. Brooks and boy	10 00

Dana Rowe, boarding Nancy Worthing.....	$19 50
R. B. Foss, boarding J. W. Gile and family.....	174 00
V. M. Gile, for relief.....	125 00
Barr & Clapp, goods delivered Mrs. Jackson....	87 05
A. J. Fifield, boarding Nancy Worthing.....	69 36
E. E. Goodale, for provisions, wood and care of 462 tramps	100 04
E. E. Goodale, taking care of hearse	5 00
" " prisoners in station house	2 59
E.E.Goodale, taking prisoners to jail and expenses	5 00
" for care and nursing Chas. Ridge..	21 00
Wm. H. Robinson, watching nights with C. Ridge	6 00
Wm. Wheet, watching with C. Ridge.....	3 00
I. H. Adams, medical attendance on C. Ridge....	13 00
A. B. Webster, repairing hearse.....	8 00
Albe Morrill, boarding and clothing Chas.W. Colby	7 25
I. H. Adams, returning births and deatbs.....	7 50
" med. atten. on town and Co. paupers	202 34
Mayhew Clark, watering place for 1877	3 00
B. A. Ham, cash paid for tickets for paupers....	4 80
A. J. Fifield, for boarding Nancy Worthing.....	12 00
P. Porter, cutting brush in cemetery.....	75
	$2,243 28

RECEIPTS OF TREASURER.

Amount in hands of treasurer, Mar. 1878.. ...	$25 69
Received of H. H. Gile, collector for 1876, 1877	681 38
Richard B. Foss, collector for 1878	6,687 11
Insurance tax	30 00

R. R. tax	$461 74
Savings bank tax	941 27
Literary fund	87 32
J. S. Cole	1,000 00
For use of hearse	1 00
Arthur Kelsea, lot in cemetery S. Hooksett	3 00
Merrimack county, for support of paupers	867 21
	$10,785 72

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURES.

State tax	$1,784 00
County tax	2,232 98
School house tax	155 00
School money	1,784 95
Town officers	532 78
Abatement of taxes	110 37
Roads and bridges	1,433 24
Miscellaneous bills	2,243 28
Amount in treasury	509 12
	$10,785 72

H. B. OTTERSON, *Treasurer.*

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

S. D. McAfee, note	$600 00
John S. Cole, note	1,000 00
	$1,600 00

Amount due the town for support of county paupers since Feb. 1, 1879	$46 00
Amount due from H. H. Gile, collector for 1877	1,036 61
" R. B. Foss, " 1878	269 20
Arthur I. Lawrence, lot in cemetery	6 00
Heirs of John Tennant, "	15 00
" J. Philbrick, "	15 00
H. P. Gage, "	15 00
H. C. Carbee, "	15 00
Julia Risley, "	15 00
Joseph Caldwell, "	3 00
Fred Mitchell, "	15 00
Geo. H. L. Head, "	15 00
	$1,465 81

Balance against the town $134 19

JOHN S. COLE,
ALFRED T. MARTIN,
BENJAMIN A. HAM,
Selectmen of Hooksett.

This certifies that I have examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and find the vouchers satisfactory and the footings correct.

ALBE MORRILL, *Auditor.*

HOOKSETT, March 3, 1879.

SCHOOL REPORT.

It will be impossible within the limits of a brief report to present all the facts respecting the schools in town which ought to demand the attention of their patrons.

Our Common Schools are the glory of New England, and they ought to be the pride of every friend of education, and especially of the education of the masses. They are not a royal institution, dividing their honors only among those of kingly lineage. The child of the millionaire and of the day laborer meet upon a common level, occupy the same seat, study the same text-books. and so far start on an equality in the race of life.

The Schools in Hooksett compare favorably with others in the State, and in the main deserve commendation, but along with many excellences, a careful observation will disclose some defects. We must be content to call attention to a few things which demand inquiry.

One serious defect is a multiplicity of text books. In some schools as many as four different Geographies, two or three Grammars, and as many arithmetics were found. No teacher can do justice to herself or her school when such a numb[illegible] classes are required. In one school with 45 different scho[illegible] an average attendance of 26, there were 35 classes! So[illegible] Geography is concerned, this difficulty has been partial[illegible] died in three of the schools, by substituting *one* author f[illegible] or four.

In one school a class was found studying themselves int[illegible] fect vertigo over Cornell's Physical Geography, a work [illegible] belongs only to the advance classes in our High Schools [illegible] to College students.

Another obstacle to progress is the frequent change of teachers. In our judgment, if a competent teacher is secured, a change should not be made except from necessity.

Still another and very serious difficulty is the lack of hearty sympathy for and cooperation with the teacher, evinced especially in neglect to visit the school room. In four of the eight schools in town, even the Prudential Committee have failed to visit the school during the year, and comparatively few of the parents have looked in upon the work of the teacher.

We do not leave our farm stock to the care of the hired man, or allow the kitchen to be under the exclusive control of our domestics. How much more reluctant should we be to commit our children at the most critical age to a comparative stranger, without our personal supervision.

But notwithstanding these and other drawbacks, our schools in the main are well managed and successful.

Through the cooperation of the selectmen, a copy of the State Map of N. H. has been furnished for each school room in town. A few other requisites are still needed, and we hope in time will be secured.

We have space for only a few words in respect to the schools in detail.

DISTRICT No. 1.

NATT HEAD, Prudential Committee.

The Spring term was taught by Miss Ella A. Morrill of Sun- Miss M. is an experienced teacher and gave good satis-

Summer and Winter terms were taught by Miss Lilla O. of Manchester. Miss C. succeeded well in her manage- of the school and good progress was secured. Unfortu- y she was sick for a part of the fall term, and although an nt substitute was provided in the person of Miss Susie A. Crosb fine teacher from the public schools in Manchester, yet the int ption was an injury to the school. The Winter term

was also closed abruptly in consequence of the sickness of a number of the pupils. Average attendance, 20⅓.

DISTRICT No. 2.

JOHN E. KIMBALL, Prudential Committee.

The three terms of the year were taught by Miss A. H. Kimball of Hooksett. Miss K. has had considerable experience as a teacher in Massachusetts. She labored faithfully. There were, however, some difficulties which made her task severe during the Fall term. A better state of things existed in the winter, and the school presented a good appearance at the examination. Average attendance, 26.

DISTRICT No. 3.

L. G. SMITH, Prudential Committee.

There was a Spring term of 9, and a Fall term of 14 weeks, both taught by Miss Annie A. Watson of Suncook. Miss W. had taught the same school the year before, and gave as much inspiration as could well be expected in a school of only ten small scholars. Average attendance, 9½.

DISTRICT No. 4.

O. J. PRESCOTT, Prudential Committee.

The Primary department for the year was taught by Miss Je[illegible] nie B. Abbott of West Concord, who with the school year cl[illegible] her *seventeenth* consecutive term in this school. As wa[illegible] the superintendent of last year, this fact makes any pra[illegible] the part of others needless, and yet we may say that we[illegible] seldom attended an examination of a school of this grade [illegible] everything w[illegible] conducted with such regularity and pr[illegible] Average attendance, 42.

The Grammar department was in charge of Miss [illegible] Bickford of Concord. Miss Bickford is an ear[illegible] faithful teacher, and under her excellent management [illegible]

tends through several terms, the school has been making steady progress. For thoroughness the school may challenge comparison with any school of like grade within our knowledge. Average attendance, 23.

DISTRICT No. 5.

CLINTON SHIRLEY, Prudential Committee.

The Spring term of 9 and the Fall of 12 weeks were taught by Mrs. Alice J. Sawyer of Hooksett. The school presented a good appearance at the visits of the Committee and the pupils evidently made satisfactory progress. Average attendance 113.

DISTRICT No. 6.

W. G. AVERILL, Prudential Committee.

Spring term 8 and Fall 11 weeks. Miss Flora M. Poor of Goffstown, teacher. The patrons of the school showed their appreciation of a good teacher by retaining Miss P. for the second year. The school was well managed. Average attendance 14.

DISTRICT No. 7.

GEORGE KIMBALL, Prudential Committee.

Spring term 9 and Fall term 6 weeks. Miss Fannie J. Pres-[illegible]ott of Hooksett, teacher. This was Miss Prescott's first ex-[illegible]ience as a teacher. She endeavored evidently to discharge [illegible]ties faithfully, and so far as the Supt. could discern there [illegible] little occasion for the criticism which was offered in [illegible] her management. During both terms, but two visits [illegible]ade to the school room by parents. Average attendance

Respectfully Submitted,

S. G. KELLOGG,

S. S. Committee.

March 3, 1879.